

REMARKS

On September 1, 2006 Amendment E was filed in response to the final Office Action of May 1, 2006. On September 21, 2006 an Advisory Action was mailed in which the proposed amendments set forth in Amendment E were not entered. Six claims are pending in the application: claims 1, 3, 12 and 15-17. Claims 1, 3, 12 and 15-17 have been amended. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 3, 12 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chapters 6, 8 and 17 of Marmel, Elaine, Microsoft Project 2000 Bible, (referred to herein as Microsoft Project reference). Application respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended such that they are not anticipated by the Microsoft Project reference. Independent claim 1, as amended, recites “limiting the displaying of the one or more tasks outside of the selected set of data only to those one or more tasks associated with at least one of the plurality of tasks within the selected set of data”. Applicant respectfully submits that the Microsoft reference does not teach or suggest at least limiting the displaying of tasks that are outside of a selected set of data only to those tasks associated with tasks within the selected set of data. Although Chapter 17 of the Microsoft Project reference discusses the common practice of creating links across projects it does not discuss limiting the display of tasks as set forth in claim 1. In particular, Microsoft Project reference does not show or suggest limiting the display of tasks outside of a selected set of data only to the tasks that are associated with at least one task within the selected set. The Advisory Action states that in Marmel “only ‘external tasks’ that are linked to the subproject by the user, and thus associated with one of the tasks in the selected set

of data, are displayed when the subproject is open”. However, no citation to the Microsoft Project reference is made as a basis for this position.

Further, as seen with reference to Figure 17-6 at page 462 of the Microsoft Project reference, tasks are displayed only when the subproject to which they belong is specifically selected. An additional subproject has to be selected to display other tasks outside the selected subprojects. The Microsoft Project reference further deviates from the claimed invention by displaying all the tasks within a subproject when it is selected (See Microsoft Project reference, Page 462, Fig. 17-6) and fails to suggest only displaying certain tasks associated with the tasks within the selected set of data. Chapter 17 of the Microsoft Project reference does not teach limiting the display of tasks outside of a selected set to only those tasks associated with tasks within the selected set as set forth in independent claim 1. Microsoft Project reference merely discusses linking tasks across projects but does not discuss limiting the displaying tasks. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by the Microsoft Project reference and therefore is in condition for allowance. Claims 3 and 16 which depend from allowable independent claim 1, are therefore, also in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 12 has also been amended and recites “limiting the displaying of the one or more tasks outside of the subset of data to only those one or more tasks associated with at least one of the plurality of tasks associated with the subset of data”. As discussed above with reference to claim 1, Microsoft Project reference does not teach or suggest at least limiting the displaying of tasks outside of the subset of data only to those tasks associated with at least one task associated with the subset of data. Thus, independent claim 12 is not anticipated by Microsoft Project reference, and therefore, is in condition for allowance. Claims 15 and 17 which depend from allowable independent claim 12 are therefore also allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the aforesaid, reconsideration and allowance of all claims at issue are respectfully solicited.

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